

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent 3,713,148
U.S. Patent 3,967,549
U.S. Patent 4,130,126
U.S. Patent 4,422,085
U.S. Patent 4,682,158
U.S. Patent 5,059,246
U.S. Patent 5,136,309
U.S. Patent 5,179,389
U.S. Patent 5,509,140
U.S. Patent 5,623,291
U.S. Patent 5,635,969
U.S. Patent 5,652,610
U.S. Patent 5,735,167
U.S. Patent 5,815,175
U.S. Patent 5,841,448
U.S. Patent 5,877,943
U.S. Patent 5,956,061
U.S. Patent 6,007,173
U.S. Patent 6,099,101
U.S. Patent 6,302,527
U.S. Patent 6,312,074
U.S. Patent 6,322,182
U.S. Patent 6,416,156

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N. Kong, "Floating Ink-Density Sensor", IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 21, No. 7, December 1978

These documents were cited in prior parent Application No. 10/127,594, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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				APPLICANT Masahiko Kubota, et al.			
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		4,130,126	12/1978	Chocholaty, et al	137	3	
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		478,019	4/1992	Europe			
		1,057,634	12/2000	Europe			
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		56-80473	7/1981	Japan			Abstract
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		5,877,943	3/1999	Ramamurthi	361	783	
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